

EXPLOSION AT BOOMER

SERBIANS ARE YET UNBROKEN

THREE HUNDRED MEN IN THE MINE

At Time of the Explosion and It is Not Known Whether Any Escaped.

FOUR EXPLOSIONS IN ALL

Rescue Parties Are Being Organized to Be Rushed to the Ill-Fated Mine.

FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. 30.—An explosion occurred at noon today in mine No. 2 of the Boomer Coal and Coke Company, at Boomer, this county. Three hundred men were said to be at work in the mine when the accident happened, and it was not known here whether any escaped. Boomer is located twenty-two miles from here. Additional news said that three explosions had occurred immediately after the first flash and that rescue parties were being organized in neighboring workings. A relief party also was made up here and left at 2 o'clock for Boomer.

MINE RESCUE CAR IS BEING HELD IN READINESS

PITTSBURG, Nov. 30.—Records in the Pittsburgh station of the Bureau of Mines, show that the Boomer coal operations consist of a group of four mines, employing some 800 men and producing 800,000 tons of coal annually. The mine rescue car at Cranecrow, W. Va., No. 8, was ordered held in readiness to proceed to Boomer without delay if it was needed.

SERBIAN PREMIER

And Cabinet Are Announced As Arriving at Scutari City in Albania.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—Arrival of Premier Pachitch and other members of the Serbian government at Scutari, Albania, is announced in an official statement by the Montenegrin war office under today's date. The statement says:

"On November 28 the enemy succeeded in retaking Fofthca, Metelka and Priepoll. In the course of the combat we took fifty-four prisoners, of whom one was an officer. There was no change on the other fronts. Premier Pachitch and members of the Serbian cabinet arrived on November 28, at Scutari, which will be the seat of government."

BRITISH CASUALTIES

Since the War Began Number Approximately 600,000 Men, Report Shows.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—British casualty lists published during November total 1,222 officers, 45,184 commissioned officers and men in all fields of war, bringing the total since the beginning of hostilities up to approximately 600,000.

Heavy as were the losses in killed, wounded and missing for the present month, they were much lighter than in October, when the names of 3,110 officers and 71,187 non-commissioned officers and men were included in the lists.

MISS POST HURT

In Automobile Accident in Cleveland and is in Hospital There.

Local friends received word Tuesday that Miss Martha Post, formerly of this city, is a patient in Grace hospital in Cleveland, O., suffering from serious injuries received a day or two ago in an automobile accident in a street there. She was out riding with George Oldenburg, a noted football player of that city, when the accident occurred. Mr. Oldenburg was also hurt.

Miss Post was formerly employed as a clerk at the Watter-Lambert department store in this city. She went from Clarksburg to Cleveland to take a position in a large department store there, which position she still holds.

TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY.

Melvin Hurst, of Bristol, was taken from the county jail Monday evening to the state penitentiary at Moundsville to serve a sentence of one year there for poisoning a cow belonging to Bee Rush, of his neighborhood. He was taken by A. J. Coleman, a guard of the penitentiary who came here for the purpose.

FIFTY THOUSAND FREIGHT CARS TIED UP IN NEW YORK

TRACK

Additions Made by Baltimore and Ohio Last Year Numbers Fifty-five Miles.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 30.—During 1915 the Baltimore and Ohio railroad added to its system 55.09 miles of first track, 5.49 miles of second and re-located 3.24 miles of line.

Of the first track, 13.04 miles were embraced in the Magnolia cut-off between Okonoko and Orleans Road, W. Va., while 2.18 miles were added between North Rock and Bessemer, Pa., and 3.16 miles between Sturm and Bowood Mine, Pa. In the acquisition of the Hampshire Southern railroad, between Romney Junction and Petersburg, W. Va., there were added 36.61 miles of line now known as the Moorefield and Virginia branch.

Of the second track, 2.81 miles were built at Piedmont, O., and 2.68 miles of sidetracks in Ohio and Pennsylvania were converted.

Of the re-located lines, 2.74 miles were changed between Murray's Cut and Orleans Road, W. Va., and .80 miles between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-ninth streets, Chicago, Ill.

FEWER DELEGATES

In Republican National Convention, Object Sought by New Organization.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Republicans from several states met here today for the purpose of formally organizing the "National Republican Union." The purpose of the organization, according to Chairman Horace C. Stillwell, of Anderson, Ind., is to obtain equalized delegate representation in the Republican national convention. It is proposed to submit a new system for consideration at the 1916 convention, but it is not hoped to make it effective until four years thereafter. The plan of Mr. Stillwell and his assistants is to determine the number of delegates in each state on the basis of one to each 8,000 Republican votes. This system, it was said, would greatly reduce the representation from the southern states.

REHEARING DENIED

And Trunk Lines Can Not Continue Their Interest in Great Lake Steamers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Applications for a rehearing in the case involving the right of trunk line railroads to continue interest and operation of steamers on the Great Lakes despite the prohibition in the Panama canal act were denied today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The application was made by shippers' attorneys, the railroads declined to ask a rehearing.

BAKER SAYS

Congressman Howard Sutherland Will Be in Race for Federal Senatorship.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—F. C. Baker, a prominent lawyer of Elkins, is in the city looking after legal business in behalf of the Coal and Coke Railroad Company. In former years Mr. Baker was very active and very much interested in Democratic politics in his county and section, but says he is no longer active, though always interested, as his whole time is taken up with his own private business.

POLICE CENSUS

Shows a Quarter Million More People in New York City Than Other Census Did.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A police census of the city just completed shows that the greater city has 8,253,858 inhabitants in its five boroughs. The state census completed last July gave the total population as 5,009,112, but some dissatisfaction was felt with this count and at the instance of the health department the police were employed to compile a new census.

Or Near That City Waiting to Be Unloaded and Relief is Not in Sight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The president or their representative of all the trunk line railroads running into New York City met Tuesday at the Pennsylvania terminal, Jersey City, to consider ways and means for relieving the freight congestion which has become acute during the last few weeks.

Although many cases railroad men have been loathe to discuss, present freight conditions, it is known that between 40,000 and 50,000 freight cars are now at or near New York terminals waiting to be unloaded.

The present congestion, which is said to be the worst in years, had been largely caused, railroad men claim, by the efforts on the part of grain men along the Great Lakes to empty their elevators as quickly as possible to receive additional grain before the Great Lakes shipping season officially closes on December 12.

PNEUMONIA

Causes the Death of John H. Grapes at Home of Daughter, Mrs. Boyd Reed.

John H. Grapes, aged 70 years, one of the oldest residents of the county, died at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning after a few days' illness of pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Boyd Reed, at the New Fair Ground addition.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Homer B. Grapes and John A. Grapes, sons; Mrs. Ray Renshaw, Mrs. Ernest Rittenhouse and Mrs. Boyd Reed, daughters. A brother, William Grapes, resides at Erie, and a sister, Mrs. P. W. Wheeler, resides at Wheeler, Ky.

Mr. Grapes was a life long member of the Baptist church and at the time of his death was the oldest living member of the First Baptist church. He was a life long resident of the county, having been born at Hoop Hole bend near Quiet Dell in 1845 and resided there and in this city all his life.

No funeral arrangements will be made until his sister in Kentucky is heard from.

SEPARATE PEACE HINT.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Pall Mall Gazette associating Emperor William's visit to Vienna with reports that Germany is willing to enter upon peace negotiations ventures the opinion already suggested that the emperor's trip to the Austrian capital may represent a fresh attempt to bring about conclusion of a separate peace between Austria and Italy.

MANY EXPERTS WILL ATTEND CONVENTION

Of State Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association Here Next Week.

Copies of the program for the fifth annual convention of the Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association of West Virginia, to be held at the Waldo hotel here Tuesday and Wednesday, December 7 and 8, were received here Tuesday. The program is of exceptional interest, as a number of experts of the ice cream manufacturing industry are scheduled for speeches. It is as follows:

Tuesday, December 7, 10 a. m. Registration.

Address of Welcome—Mayor G. H. Gordon.

Response—S. B. Haffner, Elkins.

Reading minutes of last convention.

President's address—W. M. B. Sine, Clarksburg.

Secretary's report—C. F. Jamison, Huntington.

Treasurer's report—Joe L. Wilson, Huntington.

Directors' report.

Reports of committees.

Afternoon Session, 1:30 o'clock.

"Benefits of the National Association"—Ans. B. Gardiner, the City Dairy Company, Baltimore, Md.

"Computing the Cost of Production"—I. P. Menach, Imperial Ice Cream Company, Parkersburg.

"Sales, Co-operation and Promotion"—William Duff, II. Simpson, Showalter and Barker, Pittsburg.

"Buying Supplies Systematically"—B. C. Williams, E. C. Williams Corporation, New York City.

"Arranging an Ice Cream Plant Systematically"—William D. McCook, C. D. Cooley Company, Pittsburg.

"Organization and Co-operation"

FUNERAL

Of Mrs. Edith Souders, Wife of Harry B. Souders, Held at Home of Her Parents.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Edith Souders, aged 38 years, wife of Harry B. Souders, manager of the local store of the United Woollen Mills Company, who died Sunday morning in Kelley's hospital at Baltimore after an illness following an operation, is scheduled to be held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Col. and Mrs. J. M. Turner, at Baltimore, and the burial will be in the Greenlawn cemetery there.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are her husband, a daughter, Miss Mabel Souders; her parents, Col. and Mrs. J. M. Turner, and three sisters and three brothers. The news of Mrs. Souders' death came as a shock to local relatives and friends, as the operation which she was to undergo was a minor one and it was thought that it would not amount to much, but peritonitis developed following the operation, which caused her death. Mrs. Souders had undergone a serious operation in the same hospital several months ago and had recovered entirely from it and regained her normal good health when it was discovered that the second operation was necessary.

Mrs. Lloyd Souders and Miss Mabel Souders, daughter of the deceased woman, went to Baltimore Monday night to attend the funeral.

COURT AFFIRMED

By the State Supreme Court in the State's Case against Edgar W. Davis.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 30.—The supreme court Tuesday declared unconstitutional the section of the West Virginia prohibitory liquor law making it unlawful for liquor dealers outside of the state to advertise their wares in West Virginia by circular letter or order blanks. The decision was made when the court confirmed the circuit court of Harrison county in the case of the state against Edgar A. Davis, which Davis appealed.

The court also awarded a writ of mandamus requiring the officials of Hinton to call an election for city officials as provided by the charter given the city by the late legislature.

ON TRIAL.

Walter Johnson is on trial in the criminal court charged with breaking into the Kerns store at Glenwood and taking goods therefrom.

NOT CRUSHED AS YET BY TEUTONS

RAILROAD MEN TO ASSEMBLE IN PITTSBURG

Five Railroad Brotherhoods Are to Hold Sessions in That City Sunday.

Arrangements have been made by members of the five railroad brotherhoods of the Pittsburgh district to hold three monster meetings in the Kenyon theater, North Side, Pittsburgh, Sunday, December 6. The first meeting will be opened by H. B. Perham, grand president of the O. R. T. at 10 a. m., his subject will be "Co-operation." Other members will speak upon this subject, and also the eight hour day proposition.

The afternoon meeting will be opened at 2 o'clock by a representative of the orders, who will speak on the eight hour day question. Other members will speak on this subject and co-operation. The evening meeting will be opened at 8 o'clock by State Senator W. J. Burke, who is the chairman of the Eastern Association of Committees of the O. R. T. and B. of E. T. He will explain what the eight hour day means to the men, and will be followed by other speakers upon this and other subjects.

It is expected there will be between 5,000 and 10,000 members attend these meetings, lodges being represented from Dennison, O., Alliance, O., Youngstown, O., Parkersburg, W. Va., Fairmont, W. Va., and other points within 500 miles of Pittsburgh. The officers in charge of the meeting are George Stewart, chairman; G. W. Jones, vice chairman; A. V. Craig, secretary; and R. W. Bees, treasurer. Grand lodge officers or representatives are expected to be present, and many other prominent speakers will be on hand so there will be much that will benefit the members of the order. All members are requested to attend this meeting as it will be what they do that will carry the most influence with the men that are to fight the battles. All members of the B. of E. T., O. R. T., F. and E. B. of E. T., O. R. C., and O. R. T. are invited.

Other fronts during the last forty-eight hours have shown general activity. Sir John French reports successful British air attacks on German positions along the Belgian coast, and on other parts of the German western front involving destruction of a German submarine on the Belgian coast and raids on an aerodrome and an ammunition factory behind the German lines. French troops fighting in the Souchez district succeeded in driving the Germans from a crater made by a successful mine explosion recorded in the German communication of Saturday.

The varying fortunes which have attended General Townsend's Mesopotamian expedition have not yet been recorded here in sufficient detail to make the situation entirely clear. From the latest official statements it does not appear that there has been any further fighting since the British advance upon the battlefield of Ctesiphon, but the British troops have again fallen back to the Tigris, having been outmaneuvered by the Turks, and are now occupying more easily defended positions in the rear of their former line.

On the North Poland front after occupying an eastern suburb of the town, have succeeded in making local gains in the neighborhood of Iloukai, occupying an eastern suburb of the town, and advancing to the German trenches south of this point.

BRIGHTS DISEASE

Causes Death of Michael Rafferty, Employee of Hope Gas Company.

Michael Rafferty, aged 29 years, an employee of the Hope Natural Gas Company, died at his home at Weston at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, following a lingering illness of Brights disease. He had been a patient in a Baltimore hospital for several weeks and had just returned to his home a few days ago.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man is his widow, Mrs. Ella Casey Rafferty. Mr. Rafferty was well known here, having visited here a number of times. About a month ago he and Miss Ella Casey, who is also well known here, were married. He was a member of Weston Council Knights of Columbus.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

DEMOCRATS

Of the House Are Still Busy on the Work of Reorganizing the Committees.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Democratic members of the ways and means committee continued Tuesday tentatively to reorganize the committees of the House of Representatives. Part of the time was devoted to making changes in minor committees such as the three committees on elections. The military and naval affairs committee vacancies will be filled by Friday.

So far the question of policy as to preparedness has not figured in the executive proceedings. The committee will confer later with the Republican Leader, Mann, regarding the representation to be given members of the Progressive party on committees.

MRS. HOFF ILL.

Mrs. Wade Hoff is ill of a gripe in her apartments in the Craney building on Fourth street.

Serbians Are Reported As Reorganizing Their Shattered Forces at Present.

MONASTIR IS EVACUATED

Either Bitter Winter Weather or Russian Menace Retards the Germans.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Monastir in southeastern Serbia has been evacuated. Serbian troops, having accomplished their purpose of delaying their enemy's advance until the civilian population of the town had time to escape, have now left the city, and according to reports are retiring in good order. Bulgarian occupation of the town is apparently a matter of only a few hours.

Though the Austro-German and Bulgarian campaign against Serbia is described by the central powers as finished and though practically the whole of Serbia is in their possession, they have not accomplished, according to the general belief here, the more important aim of entirely crushing the Serbian army. Though defeated and worn out in the conflict against overwhelming odds the Serbian forces are said to be still unbroken and are reported to be reorganizing their shattered units on the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers.

Either bitter winter weather has retarded the central powers in their proposed new enterprise against the Franco-British troops in the Strumitsa region or the rapidly developing Russian menace from the direction of Roumania has caused them to abandon it. In any event their campaign has recently come to a standstill.

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ARMORED TRAIN

And an Armored Aeroplane Are Given to the State of New York as Presents.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Announcement of the gift to the state of an armored train valued at \$150,000 and an aeroplane for use of the militia was made today at Governor Whitman's budget hearing when the national guard appropriations were under consideration.

Two items of \$10,000 each for maintenance of the train and aircraft aroused the curiosity of some of the investigators. It was then announced that the military appliances had been donated to the state, the train by a group of steel manufacturers including Elbert H. Gary and Charles M. Schwab, and the aeroplane by aircraft manufacturers including Rodman Wanamaker and Glenn H. Curtiss.

TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—According to telegrams from Bucharest, Roumania has notified Russia of its earnest desire to remain neutral, says a Copenhagen despatch. "Consequently Russian ships will not be permitted to enter the Danube which it is emphasized has been mined."

MRS. CUMMINGS DEAD.

Miss Elizabeth Cummings, aged 65 years, is dead at her home at Brown after a lingering illness of a complication of diseases incident to old age. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning and the burial will be in the Sardis cemetery.